

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al.

Conf. 4061

Application No. 10/562,682

Group 3679

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Examiner Fannie C Kee

LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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December 30, 2008

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 30, 2008, for which the period for response has been extended three months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.